

Milford Recreation Commission
November 12th, 2014

Attendees:

Walter Smith	Claudia Lemaire	Stephanie Zubricki	Joan Dargie
Heather Romeri	Arene Berry	Scott Hembrow	Rick Mossey
Paul Bartolomucci	Chris Anton		

Minutes:

Joan makes a motion to approve the October minutes as amended, Heather seconds, all in favor.

Director's Report

(LWCF)Grant- January 9th is the deadline to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund 50/50 matching National Park Services Grant. One of the stipulations for applying is that there needs to be solid plans of how the property will be developed. Considering the recent acquisition of the land we will need to apply next year to formulate an accurate assessment.

127 Elm Street has not had a closing. Due to various legal formalities the Mayo Group needed to put in place an extension on the closing of the property. The closing should happen within the next month.

Arene has asked the commission to help form a committee that will decide on the outcome of 127 Elm Street. Commission members discuss several potentials for the members of this group.

One of the Milford Coed Softball Coordinators asked the Recreation Department for permission to sell Christmas Trees at Shepard Park. Some of the proceeds from this fundraiser would go to 127 Elm Street. The committee expresses concerns about the space of the field and the rotary tree fundraiser in the Fredrick's lot in Amherst. Arene will talk to Rotary. More information is needed regarding this request. The decision is tabled till next month's meeting or until further information is provided.

Skating Rink

Rink Set up will be Saturday, December 13th, 2014. 8-12PM.

There is a strong possibility that a second ice rink will be installed at Shepard Park. The current rink will rotate 90 degrees, and the second rink will lie adjacent. The lights will be rotated, and two separate ice teams will maintain the rinks. Mike Guay will be head liaison for the Hockey Rink

The commission is hoping to get approved for a request from the Shepard Improvement Fund at or around the amount of \$10,000. This will enable us to purchase and install a second rink.

Director's Report

Fund Balance- \$35,775.95

Programs/Events:

Softball Tournament raised \$678.04

Transfers- Inactive Accounts to the general fund, and the wooden bat tournament to Kaley Softball Field.

Field Fees/Program Fees-

Arene recommends to raise swim team 5 dollars for residents and non- residents next year. This year we had a \$1000 deficit, some of that deficit was an order of \$500 worth of ribbons. Arene will do a comparison of other town's swim team fees.

Tot Drop In- There is Difficulty with staffing on Thursdays, from 9:30-11:30. People who are attending on Thursdays will be asked to help out.

Receipts from Cowboy, Casino, Band Night, and Zombie Walk need to be returned to finance for reimbursement. Transfers to the appropriate accounts need to be made before the end of the year. Arene has asked for the amount of volunteer hours the commission members have completed since November first.

Concession stand needs to be closed down for winter.

Events

Kids Craft Corner- Saturday 12/6, 12-1PM need volunteers to help with craft

Winter festival- Saturday 1/17, 11AM-1PM, Need volunteers and raffle items. Dog sledding- demo (tentative)

Daddy Daughter Dance- Saturday, 2/7, 6-8PM. We are in need volunteers. Ticket sales will begin January 5th at 12:00.

Trips

NYC Trip- This Saturday the 15th.

Foxwoods- Saturday, March 14th.

Programs

Youth drama performance- December 5th

Safe Sitter- January 10th

Journey- 6 week long health program-January 12th

One Day programs for Holidays- MLK Day January 19th, Teacher workshop Day- January 20th.

Upcoming Spring Items

Live animal show

- Fischer Cats Mother and Son Outing- May 9th
- Easter Egg Hunt-April 4th
- Kids Craft Corner-Mother's Day
- Overnight trip to Washington DC- Cheery Blossom Festival April 9th-12th
- Day Trip to Martha's Vineyard (Merrimack Recreation)-July 11th
- Zumba for Kids and new adult fitness classes

New Business

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Disc golf- There has been some citizen requests and interest in putting a disc golf course at one of the trails on Tucker Brook, the commission is open to discussing this idea further.

Walter makes a motion to adjourn at 8:45, Scott seconds, all in favor.